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You've seen the films.

Now visit the actual film locations.

Chances are, you've already seen Utah on the Big Screen in one of more than 700 films and TV movies made in Utah. Now it's time to see just where we make them, because most are shot in our own backyard. Yeah...right here in Utah! So, let your vacation planning start with a copy of ***Filmed in Utah***, available from the Utah Travel Council, 300 North State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114. Or call us at 1-800-200-1160. Here are highlights from Utah's you've-seen-the films, now-see-where-we-make-them scene:

Special Event Featuring "Westerns" shot in Southern Utah

Western Legends Round-Up & Film Festival, 23 – 28 August 2005 August in Kanab, Utah. The '05 event features the 50th anniversary of Gunsmoke, the TV Western filmed on a set just outside Kanab, Utah. www.westernlegendsroundup.com

Moab Film Museum

This one will get you Western buffs foaming at the mouth. Located at Red Cliffs Lodge a few miles northeast of Moab, Utah along the Colorado River, it's All Cowboy:

<http://redcliffslodge.com/activities/movie-museum.htm>

Gouldings Museum & Trading Post

Welcome to Monument Valley, Utah! The real deal. The Old West. John Wayne & John Ford artifacts, mementos and pix and lots more memorabilia from a bygone era. www.gouldings.com

Where God Put the West Movie Tour

One of Moab, Utah's guide companies, Canyonlands By Night & Day, offers a unique tour:

http://www.canyonlandsbynight.com/movie_tours.html

And now for the Big One!

Sundance Film Festival 20-30 January 2005

Features independent film competition for the best dramatic and documentary films of the year.

Theaters in and around Park City, Utah show films from 0800 to midnight. www.sundance.org or 001.801.328.3456

European Syndication

"Touched by an Angel", a TV series shot for a decade in Salt Lake City and around Utah, has gone into European syndication.

Current Project

“World’s Fastest Indian”- WFI Productions. (Feature): Principle photography began September, 2004. **CAST:** Anthony Hopkins. The life story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years building a 1920 Indian motorcycle -- a bike which helped him set the land-speed world record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in the 1970's (Internet Movie Database Inc).

In the “Wild & Crazy” Department:

Bicknell International Film Festival (BIFF) Every summer during July, film buffs go crazy in Bicknell, a classic small town in south-central Utah near Capitol Reef National Park. In 2003, BIFF featured “Disco De-Lux: Fine Films From America's Worst Fashion Decade!” In 2004, BIFF featured **“The Garden of Film & Evil,”** a totally tongue-in-cheek” cine-weekend featuring vicious vegetables and plant paranoia. Go figure! **If you Go:** Capitol Reef National Park is a hiker’s paradise 20 minutes east of Bicknell. www.WayneTheatre.com, www.nps.gov/care

Southwestern Utah Adopts New Golf Program

Red Rock Golf Trail Promotes St. George Golf & Hotel Packages

St. George, Utah has been a golfer’s paradise for decades. Now consumers can book tee times and hotel accommodations simply by calling the Red Rock Golf Trail, a golf marketing cooperative formed by the St. George Area Convention and Visitors Bureau + top area golf courses and hotels.

For details, visit www.redrockgolftrail.com. Or contact Roxie Sherwin at the St. George Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, TEL 435.634.5747, ext. 112, or e-mail roxie@utahstgeorge.com.

Golf Courses

Coral Canyon
Entrada
Sunbrook
Dixie Red Hills
St. George Golf Club
Sky Mountain
Southgate
Sun River

St. George Area Hotels

Best Inn & Suites	Holiday Inn Resort Hotel
Best Western Abbey Inn	Howard Johnson Express
Best Western Coral Hills	Quality Inn
Bluffs Inn & Suites	Ramada Inn
Budget Inn & Suites	Red Mountain Spa
Comfort Suites	Singletree Inn
Crystal Inn	Temple View RV Resort
Hampton Inn	

Northern Utah’s New 36-hole Olympic Golf Course

Utah’s Soldier Hollow Olympics Venue now a Premier U.S. Golf Destination

Already home to one of Utah’s top 36-hole golf courses at Wasatch Mountain State Park in the pastoral Heber Valley east of Salt Lake City, a **new 36-hole Olympic Golf Course opened here in July, 2004.** Now, northern Utah’s Heber Valley features 90 holes, including 18 at the nearby Homestead Resort. These developments make Heber Valley a magnetic year-round recreation destination just half an hour from Park City or Sundance Resort and less than an hour from Salt Lake City as well as northern Utah’s Uinta Mountains. www.soldierhollow.org, www.olymparks.com, <http://stateparks.utah.gov>

Utah’s Crown Jewels are its Five National Parks

You Haven’t Seen Utah until you’ve Seen These “Must See” Destinations

Five National Parks (Arches, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Zion), seven national monuments including the newest—Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, six national forests, two national recreation areas (Flaming Gorge and Lake Powell) and 41 State Parks. www.nps.gov, <http://parks.state.ut.us/parks/parklist.htm>

National Scenic Routes

Here’s all you need to know about “The Great American Road Trip” Utah Highway 12, a gorgeous 122-mile highway connecting Bryce Canyon National Park with the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Capitol Reef National Park, boasts “All American Road” status due to its outstanding historic, scenic and cultural values. Two other National Utah Scenic Byways: Dinosaur Diamond in eastern Utah...Logan Canyon in northern Utah. Many other fabulous backcountry roads beckon holiday makers and adventure seekers. www.byways.org

Park City News

Northern Utah's Premier Summer & Winter Mountain Resort Town Unveils New Hiking, Biking & Equestrian Trail System

In a mountain town already renown for winter sport and recreation, Park City adds another feature to the landscape: **Utah's newest mountain trail sport destination**. Over 10 years in development, the area's trail system now exceeds 300 miles (almost 500 km!). The trail system links the town itself with four mountain resorts (Utah Olympic Park, The Canyons, Park City Mountain Resort, Deer Valley Resort) plus public lands, private developments, rivers and reservoirs. www.parkcityinfo.com, www.mountaintrails.org

Features Private Home "Salon" Events

Deer Valley Music Festival Wraps First Banner Season

Expected to become one of the most prestigious events of its type in the United States, the new month-long Deer Valley Music Festival – featuring world-class performances in classical, chamber, opera and pops – is developing its second-season schedule for July - August, 2005.

The Festival offers...

- Performances of Masterworks and Pops at Deer Valley's Snow Park Lodge Amphitheater
- Chamber Orchestra and Guest Chamber Group performances at Park City's St. Mary's Church
- A weekend of fully-staged light opera at Deer Valley

The new festival also features **Salon Events** in posh private homes guests can hear and meet performing artists in intimate settings. www.deervalleymusicfestival.org

For you culture vultures, **Park City's Jazz Festival (26-28 August 2005)** www.parkcityjazz.com offers a roster of top US bands and soloists.

Utah Performing Arts Group Impresses UK Critics

Ballet West Onstage At Edinburgh International Festival August '04

Utah's principal ballet company, Ballet West, intrigued audiences last August at one of the most important celebrations of the arts in the world – the Edinburgh International Festival (EIF) in Edinburgh, Scotland. Ballet West was invited by EIF to perform a three-ballet program of works by British choreographer Antony Tudor. The program included *The Leaves Are Fading* (originally created by Gelsey Kirkland and Jonas Kåge in 1977 at the American Ballet Theatre) and *Lilac Garden*, both of which are currently in Ballet West's repertoire. New to Ballet West was *Offenbach In the Underworld*, the concluding piece on the triple-bill. Ballet West performances were accompanied by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. www.balletwest.org

Dinosaurs Get New "Digs"

Lots of Old Bones at Eastern Utah's New Field House of Natural History

A museum and visitor center, the totally new Utah Field House of Natural History in Vernal, Utah thrusts visitors into an interactive exploration of the rich fossil record of the Uintah Mountain Region of eastern Utah. Within an 80-mile radius of Vernal, any trained explorer or keen young paleontologist can glean the entire geologic history of planet earth at the Field House of Natural History. www.stateparks.utah.gov

Get Outdoors!

Summer's a Blast at Utah Olympic Venues & Mountain Resorts

Ski jumpers plunge into an enormous **splash pool** at **Utah Olympic Park** during the summer. Go **80 mph on a wheeled bobsled!** Go **50 mph on a zip line**. Participate in ski jumping, skeleton and luge "camps." Visit the Alf Engen Ski Museum, watch world-class athletes in training. Zip around an Olympic track on your feet or mountain bike at **Soldier Hollow**. www.olymparks.com During the summer, most Utah destination resorts offer **lift-served hiking & biking + al fresco dining + festivals & events**. www.skiutah.com

Here's a quick look at how we play at northern Utah resorts in the summer:

Alta Ski Area: Wild Flower Festival July 31 – August 1 www.alta.com

The Canyons: Horseback rides, Farmer's Market Wednesday afternoons www.thecanyons.com

Deer Valley: Expanded mountain biking terrain www.deervalley.com

Park City Mountain Resort: Alpine Slide features 4 lanes; Zip Rider offers exhilarating 60-second ride in a harness with a 500-foot vertical drop; the climbing wall; the Legacy Launcher; miniature golf; Little Miner's Park; horseback riding. www.parkcitymountain.com

Snowbasin: open summer weekends www.snowbasin.com

Snowbird: dual-track Alpine Slide, dual line Ziprider, horse & ATV tours, off-road scooters, scenic Tram rides, Jazz and Blues Festival, Oktoberfest www.snowbird.com

Solitude: 18 holes of disk golf www.skisolitude.com

Sundance: Fly fishing, guided naturalist hikes, horseback riding www.sundanceresort.com

Craving a Spa Experience?

Choices and luxuries have expanded dramatically in Utah. From traditional to ultra chic, there's a spa adventure tailored for virtually every travel style:

- **Red Mountain "The Adventure Spa"** near St. George www.redmountainspa.com
- **Spa at Stein Eriksen Lodge*** at Deer Valley in Park City www.steinlodge.com
- **Hotel Park City**, Park City www.hotelparkcity.com
- **Align Spa**, Shadow Ridge Resort Hotel, Park City www.alignspa.com
- **Sorrel River Ranch Resort Spa** near Moab www.sorrelriver.com
- **Grand Spa** at Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City www.grandamerica.com
- **Green Valley Spa**, St. George www.greenvalleyspa.com
- **The Homestead Resort**, Midway, Utah www.homesteadresort.com
- **Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort**, near Salt Lake City www.snowbird.com
- **Sundance Resort**, near Salt Lake City & Park City www.sundanceresort.com
- **Papillon**, Westgate Park City Resort, Park City www.westgateresorts.com
- **Akasha Spa & Salon**, a day spa, Salt Lake City, Utah www.akashaspace.com
- **Kura Door Holistic Japanese Spa**, a day spa, Salt Lake City www.thekuradoor.com

*Travel + Leisure magazine ranked Stein Eriksen Lodge among the top 100 hotels in the world in its 2004 World's Best Awards.

Introducing The School for Adventure Cuisine

Red Mountain "The Adventure Spa" is COOKIN'!

- Create cooks with a conscience who can recreate Red Mountain Spa cuisine at home and learn the solid principles of healthy cooking
- Get great results baking through healthy substitutions for eggs and oils
- Recreate spa salad dressings and sauces as well as creating new ones
- Learn about flavor extraction and texture enhancement to make spa food more satisfying
- Learn to plan effective and health-efficient menus

Red Mountain's Adventure Cuisine course is scheduled for January 2 – 7, February 20 – 25, March 13 – 18, April 10 – 15, May 15 – 20 and June 12 – 18, 2005. www.redmountainspa.com

Frequent Take-Offs & Landings, Birds Only

Grab your binoculars and bird guide because you're about to become a devoted bird watcher at the **Great Salt Lake Shorelands Preserve** at Farmington Bay, about 30 minutes from downtown Salt Lake City. The **open-air pavilion nature center, one-mile boardwalk trail** and **30-foot-high observation tower** overlook wetlands on the east shore of the Great Salt Lake.

<http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/utah/>.

The Great Salt Lake is a rich feeding ground for tens of thousands of migrating birds. Some of the largest gatherings of wildlife ever recorded on the Great Salt Lake have occurred close to the Shorelands Preserve. Get into the act at the **Seventh Annual Great Salt Lake Bird Festival, May 14-22, 2005**. www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com.

Craving Great Food?

Utah's Food & Wine Scene offers Unexpected Moments of Greatness

Salt Lake City's **food scene has blossomed** since the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. We're dining in new French, Italian and Thai/Asian restaurants and embracing the spirit of the **international Slow Food movement** by promoting local produce and traditions. Salt Lake chefs & shops supporting this effort include Emily Gassmann of **Em's Restaurant**, Robert Barker of **Bambara**, Tim Grant of **Cafe Martine**, Jorge Fiore of **Rico's** and Steve Rosenberg of **Liberty Heights Fresh**.

The hugely popular **Salt Lake City Farmers Market** (Saturdays June – October) also demonstrates our pursuit of slower, healthier traditions and foods. **Morgan Valley lamb** (raised in a bucolic agricultural area north of Salt Lake City) appears on select Utah menus. Ogden, Utah's **Spotted Dog Creamery** makes luscious ice cream...the **Crumb Brothers** from Logan, Utah bake outstanding artisanal breads.

Baci Trattoria (Metro Italian dining) updates **The Wine Bar at Baci** with freshened décor, summer wine dinners + wine school. **Lugano Restaurant's** regional Italian dinner series are a sell-out...its wine list always insightful. Valter Nassi's charm radiates at **Cucina Toscana**. New & updated in Salt Lake City: **Takashi** (sushi bar) and **Café Madrid** (Spanish cuisine).

Outstanding wine lists are a hallmark, too, in Utah at the **Glitretind at Stein Eriksen Lodge** (Deer Valley), **Mariposa** (Deer Valley), **350 Main-A New American Brasserie** (Park City), **Grappa** (Park City) **Log Haven** (Millcreek Canyon, Salt Lake City), **The Metropolitan** (Salt Lake City) and that venerable Salt Lake City institution, **The New Yorker Club**. While in Park City, check out Jean Louis Montecot at the **Goldener Hirsch Inn & Restaurant**. Deer Valley Resort's annual **Nouveau Beaujolais Festival** welcomes new French & Italian wines *and* the new ski season in November.

More Park City dining highlights: **Shabu** ("freestyle Asian cuisine"), **Butcher's Chop House & Bar** (SEE and be SEEN here!). Opening late Feb or early March '05: **Ghidotti's** mid-\$\$ range Italian menu...old-world Italian atmosphere minutes from Park City resorts. Ghidotti's is just one of Bill White's magnificent Park City dining destinations. **Wahso, Chimayo, Grappa** round out the list.

Close to Moab, Utah in southeastern Utah, meet Chef Peter O'Brien at **Sorrel River Ranch Resort**. **Sorrel** features a spa, tennis courts, outdoor conference pavilion, luxury riverside lodging and new indoor conference center. www.sorrelriver.com Also on the Colorado River near Moab, **Red Cliffs Lodge** makes wine at its **Castle Creek Winery**. Red Cliffs' Moab Movie Museum and 30 new creekside lodging bungalows enhance this already attractive property. www.redcliffslodge.com.

Looking for "down home" Western cooking? Look no farther than the **Dutch Oven Competition** (slow cooking in a covered cast-iron pot) at the **Western Legends Roundup in Kanab, Utah, 23-28 August 2005**. www.westernlegendsroundup.com

It's Snowing in Utah and You Know What That Means!

As of early December, 2004, record amounts of fresh, new snow had fallen all over the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah. Most Utah resorts opened weeks ahead of schedule this season. The best way to keep up with Utah's abundant snow is to make tracks to www.skiutah.com. Media contact: Nathan Rafferty, Ski Utah Communications Director, nato@skiutah.com

One of Utah's most successful holiday promotions moves into its second year in Park City, Utah, with the renewal of **"Quick START."** Quick START (Ski Today and Ride Today) allows visitors flying into the Salt Lake City International Airport to receive one same-day complimentary lift ticket for the day they arrive at any one of Park City's three resorts—The Canyons, Deer Valley or Park City Mountain Resort. For details, availability, rules and restrictions, go to www.parkcityinfo.com.

The Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour:

Guided Backcountry Ski Tour Now Offers Six Resorts in One Day

Deer Valley Resort has signed on to participate in the Ski Utah Interconnect Adventure Tour this season, giving advanced skiers the opportunity to ski six resorts in one day. The inclusion of Deer Valley Resort gives the tour even more prestige. Deer Valley's reputation for unsurpassed service makes it a perfect place to begin the Interconnect Tour.

The guided tour, which starts Dec. 15, uses backcountry routes to ski between and through as many as six resorts in the same day. The Ski Utah Interconnect Tour will operate daily through late April, weather and conditions permitting, and is open to advanced skiers in good physical condition.

Tours depart four days a week from Deer Valley Resort and three days a week from Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort and are led by professional backcountry guides through Park City Mountain Resort, Solitude Mountain Resort, Brighton Resort and Alta Ski Area. The cost of \$150 per person includes guide service, lift access, lunch, use of an avalanche transceiver, transportation back to point of origin and a special-edition finisher's pin.

"This is the perfect way for skiers who may not have the skills or knowledge to venture out of bounds on their own to have an incredible backcountry experience," said Kip Pitou, President of Ski Utah. "This tour is unique in North America. It's the only place outside of Europe where you can ski this many resorts in a single day. It illustrates perfectly how close and accessible Utah's resorts are. And the backcountry terrain and scenery between the resorts is spectacular."

The Interconnect Tour is designed for alpine ski gear. Though the majority of the tour is downhill, it requires some hiking, traversing and the ability to ski diverse ski conditions. For more information, contact Ski Utah at 801.534.1907 or www.skiutah.com.

Here's what's new now at Utah resorts:

ALTA SKI AREA: When skiers arrive at Alta this winter, it will be hard to not notice the new Collins Lift—a 6,300-foot long detachable quad replacing the old Collins and Germania lifts. Skiers can now ride one lift to the top in under nine minutes, accessing over 1800 vertical feet of skiing. In addition to Alta's 2200 acres of Mother Nature's greatest terrain park, Alta opened its first Terrain Park last spring. The Park is located just off the top of the Sunnyside lift and offers small and medium jumps, a luge, a box and four rails. www.alta.com

Alta offers a **unique skiing adventure of guided off-trail skiing** in the **Grizzly Gulch Bowl**, located in Little Cottonwood Canyon above Alta (40 minutes from downtown Salt Lake City). Your day starts with check-in at the Albion base area followed by orientation and continental breakfast at the Albion Grill. When ready, we board the heated cabin of our custom **snow cat for the ride to the top of Grizzly Gulch at an elevation of 10,500 feet**. Your playground will then be 375 acres of incredible bowl skiing, dropping to an elevation of 9,000 feet.

Your group may consist of any combination of up to 11 skiers **and snowboarders** (Alta is one of two Utah resorts [the other is Deer Valley] that do not permit snowboarding, except for the Snow Cat adventure) and two guides. Snow cat skiing is for advanced and expert skiers and riders with strong off-trail skiing skills and experience. Powder skis are recommended. 5 Runs \$235 US per person. Custom Tours and Scenic Rides Available. Reservations: 001.801.742.3333 extension 271.

And in cooperation with Alta Lodge: Powder Tracks, 8-12 January and 2-6 April 2005

Master off-piste skiing and develop your skills for powder snow with the new ski technology, latest teaching techniques and Alta's unmatched snow. Offering 4 days of intensive instruction for intermediate to expert skiers, the program focuses on all-mountain skiing in whatever snow conditions the mountain presents.

Powder Tracks includes lodging, meals, taxes and gratuity at the Alta Lodge, 4 days of ski instruction with Alf Engen Ski School, lift tickets and demo skis and boots from the Deep Powder House. January: \$2251 US per person double occupancy, \$2928 US per person single occupancy.

April: \$2040 US per person double occupancy, \$2633 US per person single occupancy.

www.altalodge.com

Alta's **Wild Old Bunch**, a bunch of "old time" skiers capturing Alta's long tradition of pleasant company and deep powder. www.wildoldbunch.org

BRIAN HEAD RESORT: Brian Head has expanded its freestyle offering for the 2004-05-winter season. Three large terrain parks, designated beginner, intermediate, and advanced will feature over 25 jumps, rails, and fun boxes. Riders will also have a 364-foot long, 12-foot high halfpipe available, as well as tools and benches at the top of lifts, and other assorted elements and freestyle terrain around the mountain.

The Resort is offering \$10 "Get Better" lessons for riders who have skied or snowboarded at least once. Guests who rent a full-day snowboard or ski package from the Resort can purchase a 2-hour lesson for only \$10 when paying for a full-day lift ticket. The \$10 lesson program is offered daily, with start times based on demand. Other "Get Better" lesson packages are also available for guests who already have their own equipment. www.brianhead.com

BRIGHTON RESORT: Brighton replaced its classic 1955 Majestic double-chair lift with a Doppelmayr CTEC fixed-grip quad. This change will offer skiers and riders a quicker, more comfortable ride to the heart of the resort and one of Utah's most popular terrain parks. The new lift is named after its predecessor and has been dubbed the "Majestic Quad." Installed in 1955, Majestic was the first double-chair lift in the intermountain region. The classic lift has been relocated this summer to Big Sky Resort, Montana. www.skibrighton.com

THE CANYONS RESORT: Buy two or more days of skiing or riding at The Canyons Resort, and you'll get an additional day on the slopes for free. The Canyons Resort is offering a free day of skiing and riding to guests who purchase two or more day tickets to The Canyons. In order to redeem this offer, guests must log onto www.thecanyons.com/freedaydeal to pre-register. After registration, participants will access an online certificate. By presenting the certificate at the ticket window, guests can redeem an additional day of skiing with the purchase of a multi-day ticket.

Also new this year - be the first on the slopes of The Canyons on Wednesdays and Saturdays with a resort "insider." First Tracks at The Canyons makes its debut during the 2004-05 Season. For \$30 plus a lift ticket, guests will have the pleasure of being the first on the lifts, and the first to make tracks at Utah's largest resort. When you're done exploring, breakfast at Red Pine Lodge will be waiting (and is included with your First Tracks ticket). Reservations are required. Call (435) 615-8042 for meeting times, reservations and details.

News 9 December 2004 News from The Canyons: We are LOVING the new snow here at The Canyons. Our storm total (since yesterday morning) is 19 inches, bringing our season total to 123 inches. Check out the powder pictures taken today at The Canyons... and know that we opened Super Condor Express today -- making our trail total 69 (the most open trails in Park City!).
www.thecanyons.com

Dozens of skiers and snowboarders dressed in full Santa costumes are expected to descend upon The Canyons Saturday, December 18th for "Santa Skis Free." Guests who come to the resort between 8 am and 9 am dressed in a full Santa suit will receive a free lift ticket for that day.

DEER VALLEY RESORT: Deer Valley has invested \$8 million in improvements for the 2004-05 season. Two new chairlifts, the Judge Lift and the Silver Strike Express, have been installed in the Flagstaff area of the Resort. The Judge lift is a fixed-grip triple chair which runs parallel to the existing Viking chairlift on the south side of Trainer ski run. Its base is near the Quincy chairlift base with the top just below the merging area between Homeward Bound and Birdseye ski runs.

The Silver Strike Express lift is a detachable quad chair running between the Red Cloud and the Northside lifts, ending at the top of Flagstaff Mountain. The Resort's Flagstaff area is also home to two new intermediate ski runs. The runs are accessible from the new Silver Strike Express, Quincy Express, Red Cloud and Northside Express lifts.

Additional glade skiing has been added in both the Empire Canyon and Flagstaff areas of the Resort. Due to great popularity during its inaugural season last winter, Deer Valley will offer its Fireside Dining at Empire Lodge two nights a week during ski season, on both Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The dinner features three courses served from Empire Lodge's grand fireplaces.

Deer Valley welcomes freestyle competitors from around the world at the **2005 Freestyle International World Cup**. This year's event will include aerial, mogul and dual mogul competitions on Deer Valley's 2002 Olympic runs, as well as live entertainment and fireworks in the venue. The Chevrolet Freestyle International World Cup will take place January 27-29, 2005, and general admission to all events is FREE! Friday and Saturday features spectacular nighttime events held under lights.
www.deervalley.com

Deer Valley is the newest participant in Ski Utah's Interconnect Adventure Tour (see separate news release). www.skiutah.com

PARK CITY MOUNTAIN RESORT: Park City Mountain Resort, ranked a top ten resort by Ski magazine the last 17 years, has replaced its beginner lift with a new high-speed, four passenger detachable lift. The new lift will give beginner snowboarders and skiers a better learning environment and more efficiently move riders and skiers out of the lower base area of the Resort.

Named "Terrain Park of the Year" by Transworld Snowboarding, skiers and riders have plenty of options in the Resort's terrain parks with more than 50 rails, funboxes and jumps throughout the parks. The newest park will be built under the lights on Payday run for after-dark riding. The addition of a satellite radio system in the Pick N Shovel Park will enhance the experience for skiers and riders.

Three of Snowboarder magazine's "Top Ten Riders in the World" joined the Park City All Stars team. Teenage superstar Shaun White and Marc Frank Montoya joined veteran Jeremy Jones as members of the impressive team. The All Stars provide input on the Resort's terrain parks and pipe that help keep Park City Mountain Resort a leader in the industry. This year's lineup of Park City All Stars include White, Jones, Montoya, Tanner Hall, Pep Fugas, Jessica Dalpiaz, Chris Engelsman, George Oakley, Chris Coulter, John Symms and Ashley Battersby.

Park City Mountain Resort continues to host Olympic champions as they return to compete in world-class competitions. The Resort kicks off this season with the Roxy Chicken Jam — the first all-female slopestyle competition on December 17, 2004. America's best riders will compete in the world-famous Eagle Superpipe, where history was made when the American's swept the 2002 Olympic men's halfpipe

competition, during the World Superpipe Championships (March 12-13, 2005). And the Resort will host a freestyle snowmobile exhibition on February 5, 2005. www.parkcitymountain.com

SNOWBASIN RESORT: Not one to be left out of the new-school trend, Snowbasin added a Superpipe for 2004-05 including the state's only surface lift dedicated just to pipe users. The 340-foot-long, 17-foot-high Superpipe will be located at the bottom of the Wildflower Downhill Course. www.snowbasin.com

SNOWBIRD SKI & SUMMER RESORT: Winter 2004-05 at Snowbird brings a new Superpipe to complement the recently expanded terrain parks. Located on the Big Emma run next to the intermediate Big Emma Terrain Park, the new Superpipe is 340 feet long and 50 feet wide. It was constructed with dirt over the summer to enable an early opening. Other park and pipe upgrades include improved rails and boxes in the Baby Thunder Terrain Park and music to accompany the new Superpipe.

Snowbird introduced a ZipRider to the activity lineup this past summer and it will be open for winter thrills too. Serviced by the Chickadee lift, the ZipRider carries harnessed riders over 1,000 linear feet down a suspended cable from the top of Chickadee to the Snowbird Center. Riders begin with a thrilling leap off a 50-foot tower, drop 150 feet to the landing zone and reach speeds up to 30 miles per hour. The ZipRider will be open to adrenaline seekers selected nights of the week.

A new addition to Snowbird Mountain School's myriad offerings is Snowbird University. Participants choose between Steeps for Skiers, Snowboarding, Telemark or Backcountry (skiers and riders) and focus on one discipline for all four days. Campers join their groups each morning for coaching and then participate in electives each afternoon. Cap it all off with a commencement party and dinner, and walk away with graduate-level skills. The camp runs Feb. 6-10, 2005. The resort also used the summer to expand the snowmaking capacity to cover Gad Valley from Hidden Peak to the base of the Gadzoom chair.

6-10 February, 2005:

Higher education takes on a new meaning this winter as Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort launches Snowbird University: a comprehensive new mountain education camp.

Snowbird University combines the resort's popular Ski and Snowboard Steeps Camps into an event-packed, four-day program that includes new courses in Backcountry and Telemark, as well as electives such as a student re-creation of the Tram Off, classroom and on-mountain sessions with Nepalese Sherpas, GPS orienteering instruction, avalanche beacon drills in the new Locator Training Park, yoga, Cliff Spa treatments, helicopter skiing and many other activities.

"Snowbird University brings together all of the resort's assets into a European-style camp where the students stay at the same lodge, eat together, ski together and learn together," said Snowbird Mountain School Director Maggie Loring.

Major courses will take place in the mornings followed by electives in the afternoon. A student will enroll in one course – Ski or Snowboard Steeps, Telemark or Backcountry – and will take classes in that major the entire four-day camp. Students will have the option of selecting other topics as their afternoon electives.

While students enrolling in the Tram Off elective taught by original Snowbird team member Shannan Yates will not ski or ride the entire 87,000 vertical feet completed by the winning team of women in January 2003, enrollees will have side door access to the Tram and receive in-Tram massage therapy during their 2,900-vertical-feet laps.

Snowbird University will take place Feb. 6-10, 2005 at Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort, located 29 miles from Salt Lake City International Airport in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The camp fee, which includes four nights lodging, lift tickets, four breakfasts, four lunches, ground transfers, courses, electives, a welcome reception and graduation dinner, is \$1285/person US based on double occupancy. Locals' rates are available.

Snowbird University incorporates the knowledge, products and expertise of its sponsors: Black Diamond, REI, Red Bull, Suunto, Clif Bar, Sherpa Adventure Gear and Dynastar.

For more information, go to www.snowbird.com/camps or call 801.933.2170. For media information, contact Dave Fields at 801.933.2041 or dfields@snowbird.com.

New Rescue Training Center Opens at Snowbird

North America's first fully automated avalanche rescue training facility simulating single and multiple buried avalanche victims is now operational in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The Rescue Training Center is open and free to the public throughout the winter. It is located on Snowbird Ski & Summer Resort property near Wasatch Powderbird Guides and will include a control panel and buried transmitters to simulate avalanche victims. Users will select the number of "victims" for their practice session at the control panel and then receive computer-generated feedback at the completion of their search.

"This is the first facility of its kind in North America," says Dean Cardinale, Snowbird Assistant Director of Snow Safety and Wasatch Backcountry Rescue Director of Dog Training. "The Rescue Training Center brings professional avalanche rescue training to the public where it's accessible, easy and free."

Wasatch Backcountry Rescue will install a similar avalanche training facility December 16 near The Canyons. WBR's annual fund-raiser is at Park City's Club Suede Saturday, December 18.

The Rescue Training Center is funded through Wasatch Backcountry Rescue, a volunteer organization made up of snow safety professionals and their avalanche rescue dogs from eight Utah resorts, the Utah Department of Transportation, Park City Powdercats, the Utah Olympic Park and Wasatch Powderbird Guides working with Salt Lake, Utah and Summit county sheriff's offices. Wasatch Backcountry Rescue member resorts are Snowbird, Alta, Brighton, Solitude, Park City, The Canyons, Deer Valley and Snowbasin.

Backcountry users of all types convene 31 January – 6 February 2005 at Snowbird as part of the second annual Backcountry Awareness Week which includes a presentation by mountaineer and filmmaker David Breashears plus Nepalese Sherpas, seminars, avalanche transceiver drills and an evening fund-raiser to benefit the Friends of the Utah Avalanche Center as they support the "Know Before You Go" avalanche awareness program.

For more information on the Rescue Training Center, contact Dean Cardinale at 801.933.2156 or visit www.wasatchbackcountryrescue.org. For information on Backcountry Awareness Week, contact Roger Kehr at 801.450.0454 or go to www.backcountryawareness.com.

SOLITUDE MOUNTAIN RESORT: Solitude upgraded its snowmaking to ensure early and late season openings. The system, covering five lifts and 18 runs, will triple capacity and create snow faster while conditions permit. With the new village core complete, emphasis for improvement has shifted to the mountain. Construction is underway on a new 12,000 sq. ft. base lodge and high speed quad in the Moonbeam area.

Solitude's Back Tracks offers backcountry guided tours for groups of 1 to 10 skiers or snowboarders. Our guides, who are members of Solitude Mountain Resort's Professional Ski Patrol, accompany the group into areas just outside of the resort boundaries for an all-day excursion. We have multiple options once we get outside of the ropes and we'll make this a day not soon to be forgotten. With well over 500" of annual snowfall and so much terrain, chances of finding a few untracked stashes are strong!

Tours include a 10-ride lift ticket. Each guest is provided an avalanche transceiver, backpack, free heel adapters (or snowshoes), climbing skins and snacks. Also included in the day - a phenomenal lunch from Creekside Restaurant, and believe us, you'll be ready for a big lunch after the first half of your day.

Guests should at least be strong intermediate skiers or snowboarders and in good physical condition. Guides will assess ability by way of a ski check in order to ensure guests' enjoyment of the tour. Variable skiing conditions may include deep powder, wind drifts, variable crusts, and slick surfaces on any given

tour. In backcountry terrain, unmarked obstacles do exist, we do take every precaution to avoid these. Tours are affected by avalanche hazard and weather conditions. www.skisolitude.com

SUNDANCE:

Jazz at Sundance - Four Nights of Superb Jazz Trios During the 2005 Film Festival

Take a break between films and come hear some of this generations' most amazing jazz trios including The Cyrus Chestnut Trio, The Bill Charlap Trio, Marcus Roberts' Trio and The Judy Carmichael Trio.

NOTE: The Sundance Film Festival is headquartered in Park City, Utah, about a 40-minute drive from Sundance Resort. Some film screenings are scheduled at the resort, but the majority of film events take place in Park City, Utah.

Four extraordinary evenings of piano magic by four of the country's top jazz trios ranging from classical elegance, bebop, gospel, to ragtime, stride and swing. Each Trio will perform on and surrounded by some of Steinway & Sons' most remarkable pianos, at Sundance, as part of the Sundance Piano Gallery during the 2005 Film Festival. The Piano Gallery includes the commissioned Dale Chihuly and Dakota Jackson's Tricentennial pianos to name a few.

Saturday, January 22, 2005 - [Cyrus Chestnut Trio](#)

Wednesday January 26, 2005 - [Bill Charlap Trio](#)

Friday January 28, 2005 - [Marcus Roberts Trio](#)

Saturday January 29, 2005 - [Judy Carmichael Trio](#)

Ticket Information:

Each Performance begins at 8:30 p.m. in the Sundance Rehearsal Hall. The Piano Gallery is free and open to the public, and will be open from January 23rd through February 3, 2005, most days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Jazz at Sundance tickets are \$20 US general admission and are available by calling the Sundance Activities Desk at 801.223.4567. www.sundanceresort.com

Get me the Heli Out of Here!

Wasatch Powderbird Guides Makes It Easy

There are few spectacular playgrounds on this planet created by such a perfect blend of nature's elements. One such playground is Utah's Wasatch Mountain Range. Blanketed each year by more than 500 inches of fluffy Utah powder, these mountains are home to "The Greatest Snow on Earth®." Wasatch Powderbird Guides – a premier helicopter skiing and snowboarding operation located between Alta and Snowbird ski resorts in Little Cottonwood Canyon, takes qualified skiers and snowboarders into carefully selected and remote locations in the Wasatch Mountains. WPG's powder runs generally average 2,000 vertical feet, with some runs extending for more than 3,000 vertical feet. A standard Powderbird day of seven runs is optimal for most clients. However, when conditions allow, extra runs are available for those who want even more.

Details at www.powderbird.com

A Utah Character Profile

Violinmaker Gives Chinese Guy a Real Run for His Money!

Paul Hart is used to teaching himself new skills. As a teenager, he learned to make cellos and violins on his own. He runs a violin-making school and studio in Mt. Pleasant, Utah—a classic small town in central Utah in a place originally settled by Mormon pioneers in the mid-19th century.

So the fact that Hart has once again become his own teacher is not surprising. But his chosen subject is Mandarin. He's been working on it ever since he traveled to China over Christmas, 2003, to teach violin making. Hart's going back again for Christmas, 2004 for a three-week mission.

Hart was originally asked to go to China by his former student Jay Ifshin, who owns violin-making companies in Berkeley, California, and Guangzhou, China. Guangzhou (gwong-joe), formerly called Canton, is close to Hong Kong. "I went to the Huaxing (hwa-shing) Musical Instrument Company as a consultant. They don't have a long tradition of violin making in China, so I helped them with style and details. Now they're intent on making the highest-quality violins in China."

The late '04 – early '05 trip will focus on quality control. Huaxing sells its violins in the US. "They're competing with other Chinese instrument factories building high-end student/beginning/ professional instruments," says Hart. "They want me to see just how good they can get."

On this trip, Hart will travel with Haide Lin, a former Cantonese violinmaker who's lived in the U.S. for 20 years. "He's a very good violinist, musician and top violin maker," says Hart. "We'll be evaluating workmanship, design and appearance."

Hart, who has been teaching violin-making for decades, said the China experience is very different from teaching the craft in the United States. In the U.S., he teaches to students who pay tuition to learn the craft. It takes about four years to become a violinmaker. In China, he teaches Huaxing employees.

"They are paid to make violins," explains Hart. "I don't know if that is the reason, but they learn a lot faster. I tell them what to do, show them how to do it, they get it done. Many of the tools and techniques used in the craft are different in China, but the Chinese are open and receptive to new ideas and concepts."

Hart's first China mission entailed more than violin-making. On a tour of the Great Wall, he found himself walking with a native...a Cantonese fellow who apparently had no previous contact with Americans and little respect for them, either. So here are these two tourists on the Great Wall with a steep hill in front of them. "The guy motions for me to race him up the hill," recalls Hart. "I think he assumed Americans were all couch potatoes. Well, what he didn't know was that I've been a marathon runner for twenty-five years. Yeah, I ran up that hill and I could have run faster. But I just kept up with him. I wasn't racing. It was just for fun. At dinner that night, he toasted me in front of the tour group and said, "Now *this* American is OK!"

When he goes to China, he stays at the Dong Fang Hotel. It's described as a five-star property. We asked Hart if he's become facile with chopsticks and accustomed to the local cuisine. "They told me I looked like a farmer when I ate," says Hart. "I consider that a compliment."

Hart continues to teach and build violins in Mt. Pleasant. He opened his school about six years ago in a 100-year-old building on the city's Main Street. Before moving to Sanpete County, which appeals for its rustic, rural lifestyle, Hart had been teaching his craft and living in Salt Lake City since 1969. He has also spent time in Mexico teaching and making violins. As the interview ended, I asked Paul Hart if he had a website. I assumed, correctly, that he did not. "I don't want to work with the computer," Hart said. "I work with wood."

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Major Annual Utah Destination Events (Partial List)

Events subject to change

Month	Event	Website
January Midway Utah Park City Deer Valley Resort Bluff	Heber Valley Historic Railroad (year round) Winterfest through early Feb. Sundance Film Festival Freestyle World Cup Hot Air Balloon Festival	www.hebervalleyrr.org www.utahwinterfest.com www.sundance.org www.deervalley.com www.bluffutah.org
February Bryce Canyon Deer Valley	Winter Festival World Cup Freestyle Skiing Competition	www.rubysinn.com www.deervalley.com
March Brian Head Delta Moab Ogden Payson	Spring Carnival Snow Goose Festival Half Marathon, Skinny Tire Festival Hostler's Model Railroad Festival Scottish Festival	www.brianheadresort.com www.millardcounty.com/pr02.html www.discovermoab.com http://utahdepot.railfan.net/festival.htm www.usscots.com/games/events/usutah
April Moab Moab St. George	Rod Benders Car Show, Canyonlands Film Festival Easter Jeep Safari Arts Festival	www.discovermoab.com http://jeepjamboreeusa.com www.utahsdixie.com
May Bear River Ephraim Davis County Logan Moab Springville Promontory Salt Lake City	Bird Festival Scandinavian Festival Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Mountain Man Rendezvous at Blacksmith Fork Canyon Arts Festival Annual Spring Salon at Springville Museum of Art May 10 Golden Spike Nat'l Historic Site Reenactment Living Traditions Festival	www.bridgerlandaudubon.org/documents/StiltJune2003.pdf www.scandinavianheritagefestival.com www.greatsaltlakebirdfest.com www.logan.lib.ut.us/local/cache/organiz/COfile/seasonal/Rendezvous.html www.discovermoab.com www.shs.nebo.edu/Museum/Museum.html www.nps.gov/gosp www.ci.slc.ut.us/arts/livingtraditions
June Statewide Statewide Cedar City Ivins Manti Pleasant Grove Provo Salt Lake City Simpson Springs	County Fairs, Farmers Markets (through October) Local & PRCA Rodeos (through September) Utah Shakespearean Festival (through October) Outdoor musicals at Tuacahn Amphitheater (through Oct) Mormon Miracle Pageant Strawberry Days American Freedom Festival, to July 4 th Utah Arts Festival Pony Express Re-enactment	www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.cowboyted.com , http://prorodeo.org www.bard.org www.tuacahn.org www.mormonmiracle.org www.plgrove.org/straw.html www.freedomfestival.org www.uaf.org www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov
July Statewide Statewide Statewide Bicknell Deer Valley Logan Logan Nephi	U.S. Independence Day Celebrations Utah Pioneer Day Celebrations Native American PowWows, Mountainman Rendevous Bicknell International Film Festival Deer Valley Music Festival Cache Valley Cruise-In Vintage Car Show Utah Festival Opera PRCA Ute Stampede Rodeo	www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.daysof47.com , www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.WayneTheatre.com www.deervalleymusicfestival.org www.cache.net/cruise-in www.ufoc.org www.cowboyted.com , http://prorodeo.org

July, continued Snowbird Springville Vernal	Jazz and Blues Festival World Folkfest PRCA Dinosaur Roundup Rodeo	www.snowbird.com http://springville-utah.com www.dinoland.com , http://prorodeo.org
August Statewide Garden City Kanab Park City Park City Payson Promontory Wellsville	County Fairs and Rodeos Bear Lake Raspberry Days Western Legends Roundup Park City Arts Festival Park City Jazz Festival Salmon Supper Railroaders Festival Festival of the American West	www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.tourcachevalley.com www.westernlegendsroundup.com www.parkcityinfo.com www.parkcityjazz.com www.nebo.edu/wilson/Community/annual.htm www.nps.gov/gosp/events/00drive.html www.americanwestcenter.org
September Bonneville Salt Flats Brian Head Brigham City Green River Midway Soldier Hollow Moab Payson Park City Salt Lake City Salt Lake City Snowbird Tooele	World of Speed Oktoberfest & Mountain Bike Events Peach Days Festival Melon Days Swiss Days Sheep Dog Trials Music Festival Onion Days Miner's Day Utah State Fair Greek Festival Oktoberfest, weekends through October Festival of the Old West	www.saltflats.com www.brianheadchamber.com www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov http://www.hebervalleycc.org/ www.soldierhollowclassic.com www.discovermoab.com www.nebo.edu/wilson/Community/annual.htm www.parkcityinfo.com www.utah-state-fair.com www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.snowbird.com www.tooelechamber.com
October Statewide Antelope Island State Park Blanding Moab St. George St. George	Oktoberfests & Halloween Festivals Bison Round-Up Hole in the Rock Jeep Jamboree Canyonlands Fat Tire Mountain Bike Festival St. George Marathon Huntsman World Senior Games	www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.stateparks.utah.gov http://jeepjamboreeusa.com www.discovermoab.com www.stgeorgemarathon.com www.hwsg.com
November Statewide Cedar City Deer Valley Heber City Lake Powell Moab Salt Lake City	Ski & Snowboard season starts Iron Mission Days Nouveau Beaujolais Festival Heber City Cowboy Poetry Gathering and Bucakroo Fair Parade of Christmas Lights Folk Music Festival Temple Square Holiday Lights	www.skiutah.com , http://trave.utah.gov www.scenicsouthernutah.com www.deervalley.com www.hebercitycowboypoetry.com www.lakepowell.com www.moabfolkfestival.com www.ldschurch.org/calendar
December Statewide Mountain Resorts Hardware Ranch Promontory Salt Lake City, Provo, St. George	Christmas & Tree Lighting Ceremonies Torchlight Parades Elk Feeding & sleigh rides (through March) Railroad Film Festival and Winter Steam Train Demonstrations First Night New Year's Eve Celebrations	www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov www.skiutah.com www.hardware ranch.com www.utah.com www.utah.com , http://travel.utah.gov